

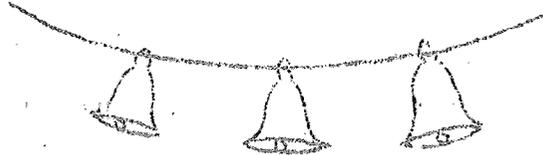
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## FORE AND AFT VIEWS - KORSTAD

It is the time of Janus - a looking both ways; to that which has passed, and that which is to come. Sixty-five was a perplexing year and frustrating year - but nevertheless a successful and fruitful year. Now, sixty-six offers a challenging and intriguing vista of things to come. This year should be an even better and happier year for all, the NEW SHOP is something to be proud of: a place create and work. The Engbeck Award (which seems to have revived the lapidary art among a greater number of members in the Club) has stimulated a member desire for championship effort.

THE GALAXIE OF GEMS, the theme of our March Show, is beginning to take shape: Cliff George and Les Kent are busy integrating all of its many facets. The format looks like a sure winner. Yes, we have much to be thankful for in looking forward to the New Year. Showtime is less than two months away! Are you getting ready? If you haven't already volunteered for one of the numerous jobs - PLEASE do so. Now, how about that display you promised yourself to exhibit this time. Obey the impulse. The real success of any endeavor depends on the enthusiasm of the rank and file: let's get with it.

That Christmas Party! We can't forget it. It was a fine affair and a pleasant stage presentation to go with it. Aileen we do thank you. Bill Walker made a good try for stealing the show when he danced with that little queen. What talent! What Watusi. Bill gave it a good try.

You never know what talents our members may possess until you demand it. Del Jones certainly looked and acted pro with his masterful emcing of the entertainment.

## TEX DAVIS TRAVELOGUES

### AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

This a recent trip to "downunder" and Tex will have with him for your delight some black opal and green stone that he obtained on this trip.... Remember our new meeting hours: 7:30 sharp, closing on the dot of 10:00. These are new school and we must obey them to keep our meeting hall.

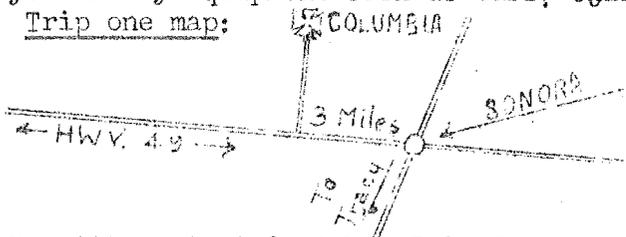
Refreshments will be served and you should serve that kitty.  
Cherryland School - Willow at Western - Hayward

## FIELD TRIP DOUBLE-HEADER FOR JANUARY

by TRAIL-BLAZER ZUGNONI

That's right Folks - double- header for January 16th. That's a Sunday. Point you cars in the direction of Columbia, California, a State Park. We will collect marble at the quarry of Zeke Goodwin. The marble is black, white and pink with a brecciated pattern. Here is a material good for carving, spheres bookends and the like. I will have some samples at the January meeting in the rough and also polished....We will meet at a lot across the street from the grocery store in Columbia and leave for the quarry about 11:00 A. M. This will allow time to visit the restored ghost town of Columbia. Worth the time of a visit.....Columbia is 3miles from Sonora off Highway 49. You will need your heavy equipment such as bars, chisels and sledges. Cancel trip if it rains

Trip one map:



Trip #2 will be to Bakersfield for sharks' teeth. The local club has promised to aid us in the search and this will be a great boon. This will be a two-day affair which will allow for the Rock Show at Visalia....

We will meet at 9: A M. Saturday about 5 miles this side of Bakersfield on Highway 99 at a road sign marked OILDALE NORRIS ROAD and Airport. Make a left turn at the stop sign which will read OILDALE. Stay on this road until you get to a point where the Airport really is on your left and the railroad is on your right. Here you will find a wide spot in the road and the place of meeting. I will be primed with more information on the night of the meeting on January 14th, 1966. This will have to do with camping facilities and the like....The Society at Visalia puts on a good show and this we will plan to visit on Sunday. Visalia is about 60 miles north of Bakersfield. I will leave Friday night for the site so call me Thursday if rain threatens: 357-6407

MAP OF TRIP #2



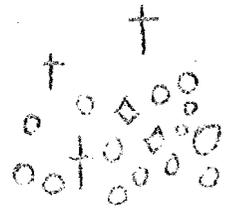
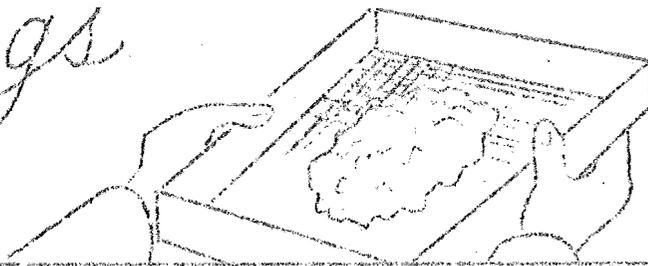
SUMPINS COOKIN'

(In this day of potatoes, TV dinners and various )  
(other short-cuts to food preparation, we all still) Bakersfield  
(love a well-turned out "ingredients dish.") Virginia Owens.

This Society boasts some tremendous cooks and we are attempting to put out a cook book that will be representative of their culinary delights. Not nearly as many of you cooks brought your secret ingredients to the Christmas party as we had hoped for. Unless it is a military secret, send us any favorite recipe (or recipes) company dish or camp chow you know of and attach your name so that credit may be given.....We need to get the stencils rolling on this to get our book ready in time for the March Show. So, come on, now! Out of all those grand goodies at the Christmas Pot Luck only thirteen recipes were turned in. So, let's go! We need at least a hundred! RUSH, PHONE OR MAIL YOURS to Aileen Bergersen, 1025 Via Honda, San Lorenzo, Phone 278-1980 or Virginia Owens, 17129 Via Piedras, San Lorenzo. Now, if the person who gave us or persons who gave us the recipes below will send us their names in proper credit will be given in our cookbook.

MOCK RAVIOLI  
BEEF BROGANOFF

# Screenings



Kirby Premo has made a good looking aluminum marking pencil stand to assist in making your cabochon perfect. It is all hand made with screws set to keep the pencil in the correct position. All the material Kirby donates to the club but suggests a sales price of \$1.50 which will be turned over to the Treasurer the proceeds are to go to the New Case Fund. See it at the meeting January 14th, 1966.

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Joe Duarte has a well-written article in the GEM & MINERAL magazine describing eight inventions which he holds on mechanical devices used in the rock hobby. See it in the December 28th issue.

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Kay Burrow has had a terrible time of it recently with a long siege in the hospital. Kay and her Husband, Doc, donated to the Club the desert claims at Kramer where we congregate every Easter.

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Finished cabs or jewelry is wanted for door-prizes and grab-bag sales at our SHOW. A jury will select the pieces for door-prizes and all overages will be retained to be used as door-prizes for the membership meetings. There will be grab-bags of good quality material which will be sold at the SHOW. Door-prizes given at the SHOW will bear the donors name unless otherwise specified; contribute something of which you can be proud.... Grab-bag items may be most any kind of useful jewelry - boles, tumble-stone jewelry etcetera. Use your imagination. Attach your name to your creation and make a friend.

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The telephone is now installed at the SHOP; call out only at ten cents per local call. This way you can let the family know your whereabouts and get in touch with some person late for committee meeting at the SHOP.

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There are several memorial books to be purchased for the Library: Beatrice Engbeck, Mildred Morgan and Earl Amundsen. The latter member passed away in October. Earl's wife is the hard-working member of our Society who has done every chore called upon when she was able despite a heart condition.

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Al Avery hasn't been around for quite awhile; suffering from a long illness which hospitalized him but he is now at home resting and recuperating. Al used to help out in the electrical side of our SHOW and Marge his wife was always handy for any job she was asked to perform. They are both members of East Bay and of long standing.

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John Names has returned to the States from the tropical Johnson Island 700 miles south of Hawaii. Here he learned to scuba dive and also became a bona fide ham radio operator. From this warm climate he is going to carry on at Chellen, Washington, where the weather is rugged and this time Ivis will go with him to console him when he shivers. Names was once president of our Society and at another time he did a marvelous job as field-tripper.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY OF CASTRO VALLEY, Inc.  
December 3, 1966

OPENING: Meeting called to order by President Vernon Korstad at the home of Art Zugnioni at 8:20 P. M.

PRESENT: Vernon Korstad, Virginia Owens, Ed Peters, Bill Walsh, Loren Dowell, George Warren III, Joe Engbeck, Gil Foster, Del Jones, Art Zugnioni, Louise Palmer, Aileen Bergersen, Ed. & Dorothy Grekel, Bob McFate, Cliff & Erma George.

ABSENT: Bill Waller, Carrie Durkee, Alberta Roberts, Jean Pfefer, Joe Duarte, George Andrade, Ev Pittenger, Bob Calvert, Phil Clarke, and Gus Mollin.

TREAS. REPORT: Treasurer Ed Peters; Receipts - \$116.15; Disbursements - \$285.96; Total Cash - \$3608.75; MSC McFate/Palmer report be accepted & all bills paid.

SHOP: Foreman Gil Foster announces Ed Grekel and Ev Pittenger as new instructors. Our thanks to Harley Ford who volunteered as weekly clean-up man, also to Ed Peters for new stands. Art Zugnioni donated a box of slabbed materials available at the Shop @ 5¢ per square inch, proceeds to go to Shop fund. Gil emphasized the necessity of shut-off of wheels before moving rests. Coffee urn donated by Foster to Shop with suggestion that users donate coffee.

FIELD TRIP: To Columbia for Marble January 16; in case of rain make it 19th.

RESIGNATION: Due to personal business commitments Vice-president Bill Waller offered written resignation. MSC/Engbeck/Dowell resignation be accepted.

MISCELLANEOUS: The late George Ashby's relations desire to donate a book to our library in memoriam. MSC/Engbeck/Dowell that we accept and Sec'y be in- to write letter of thanks....MSC/Dowell/Foster that new locks be put on cashbox and cupboards....MSC/Walsh/Peters that books necessary to Alice Rahn's silver room beduplicated. Alice to retain books that cannot be replaced, the rest to be returned to library....Joe Engbeck asks suggestions for good guest exhibits for Show....Phil Clarke needs door-prize. (Donors name to be included....Joe Engbeck to design card to be used in connection with guest exhibits.George Wareen III reports 20 case stands about finished; new sample case will soon be ready. MSC/Dowell that a committee be appointed to investigate possible avenues of financing of new cases.....MSC/Jones/Peters that we lend cases to Berkeley Society....Members to use Flex\*Shaft so long as they provide the tips....A card to show whereabouts of our display cases is to be printed and must be signed either by individuals or authorized groups. MSC/Foster/Jones that a listed pay phone be installed. at Shop. MSC/Foster/Engbeck that General Membership meetings be opened at 7:30 P.M. in the future.

HISTORICAL: Louise Palmer needs pictures available to historic records.

JUNIORS: Bob McFate reports Juniors' first Saturday at the Shop a gratifying success. Safety goggles have been provided for their use.

Meeting adjourned 11:15 P. M. Loen Dowell home next meeting place

Respectfully submitted, Virginia L. Owens,

## THE AFFLUENT SOCIETY

Some of our members look at the balance sheet and conclude that we are too rich for any use. Some of these members feel that we should spend our overage and hold practically nothing for that rainy day. Then the problems arise: this time we need new cases to completely dress our Show. A sober survey reveals cases are expensive and will deeply into reserves. This discovery shows certainly that we are not an affluent society. A cookbook is in the offing and the following letter also shows a desire to keep intact our finances for such things as we as we go along maintaining our Shop and the day is coming when we will pay out to obtain outstanding guest exhibits. In fact that day is here and now:

Dear Editor:

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"After reading the Xmas PETROGRAPH, I have come to the tho't of ways and means to help finance the new cases the club needs so badly - - For a long time I've wanted to give a club breakfast...Earl Amundsen volunteered to get the Sorensen School cafeteria and do the clean-up. But since we have lost this good friend and good member, I still would like to give a breakfast, furnish and pay for all supplies. I will write to 20 members, charge them \$1.50 plus a good gem stone to be turned over later to the club for auction...Put all guests names in a hat, those who come for breakfast, out of this would come the name of the succeeding hostess...and so on. I had talked this over with Bea Engbeck and Alice Rahn some time ago and it was Bea who came up with the donation of the gem stone plus the \$1.50....Since our accident we have missed our club meetings and field trips but if all goes well I will give my breakfast sometime in January 1966 to show we appreciate being members of this club and hope we can be more active in the future." /s/ JANE PROBST

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BOB MCFATES JUNIORS

December 10/65

The JUNIOR MEMBERS have had two sessions at the shop with a third planned for December 18th. The sessions have been fairly well attended with 9 boys and girls learning to shape and polish their rocks....Firther sessions are planned for the coming year. All Juniors are welcome to attend. The meetings cost 25¢ and are held on Saturday mornings from 9 A. M. to noon. For exact dates watch the PETROGRAPH or call Bob McFate at 846-4203....At the November General Meeting Juniors elected the following: President, Bob Bickerdyke; Secretary, Susan McFate; Vice-president, Scott Pfefer; Treasurer, Greg Taylor.

### FROM THE HOSTESS

Congratulations to the wonderful cooks who turned such luscious dishes for our Xmas Pot Luck supper. We have some excellent cooks in our Club and we are looking forward to their recipes to incorporate into our Rock Hounds Cookbook. Send in at once so that we may get the book ready for the Show....For January the 14th meeting will the members names starting with T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z bring a cake to go with our New Year's punch....Many thanks to all the helpers who make our meetings and pot luck a success...../s/ Aileen Bergersen.

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Herb Chamberlin is home from hospital after a long siege with his heart. The Chamberlins now have a new address - 1638 "E" Street, c/o Leisure Terrace Apts Hayward, California. Zip 94580. Send Herb a cheer-up card.

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While no longer a member we still have a warm spot in our hearts for Dave Molin who as a Junior was a star and he kept at it into manhood and is now a master craftsman in business with Von McBride. Glad you are on the mend.

"NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING" --- by Beryl M. Russell  
(Via The Uranium Prospector, American Outdoorsman and Natrona Co.  
Rockhounds Club "Jade Journal," March.)

"I'm just a cowhand and don't claim to be no genius, but I ain't no dope either, for I've been to Denver once, and twice to Juarez (that's the town where you get the bare facts, all right). What with the dust storms, gully washers, rattlesnakes and them atomic gadgets riling up the cows, I figure that there ain't much in this Land of Enchantment I ain't come across at one time or another. Well, I was wrong --- and I'll tell you why.

'About a week or so ago, I was over by Big Butte trying to find a stray dogie---just crotting along watching the horny toads and lizards . . . when it happened. I came up over a little rise and there below me was a sight that almost caused me to stick to pink lemonade from now on. In the middle of a cloud of dust, I spied a bunch of cars on an old logging road that didn't go no place, just stopped at a bare, dry, rocky hill. Them cars was full of the darndest looking human type beings you could imagine. Could be too much sun I thought, so I shook my head and looked again. They was still there, stopped in a bunch like they was expecting an Indian attack. Doors banged open and out come kids, dogs and creatures of all ages, sizes and shapes. They was all poor from the looks of them patched-up clothes and every last one of them had a funny little pick thing in his hand and a sort of a bag strapped on his shoulder. I figured maybe they was lunch bags, but then I seen one female type person with them short pants on, haul out a big lunch basket, two gallons of water, a case of sody-pop and a can opener, and start fixing a fire for coffee. Some of the kids run over in the rocks and used them little picks to dig for worms. Them young-uns wouldn't ever find worms in a place like that, but it didn't make no never-mind anyway, because the nearest fishing was 30 miles west and a hard trip . . .

'Up on a hill, one of them fellows started yelling about a geo-oat. He sure talked funny, anyhow they ought to know they're called goats---but them other critters started running around and hammering on rocks and breaking them open, then looking inside for little goats. They was ~~hacking like man~~, ~~then looking inside~~ laughing and shouting something fierce and every little bit one of them foolish souls must have thought they had some, because they hauled rocks over to the cars and wrapped them up in newspapers, so the goats couldn't get away. Then they put them in boxes and run back to add to the horde. It was pitiful to watch. They was almost blind too, and kept peering thru little spy glasses so they could see . . . Even the young ones appeared to be afflicted --- must have been something they was born with.

Over by the Butte, I seen a couple of them ragged, half blind people, digging into that hill like they was tunnelling out of San Quentin. . . . One shouted something bout galena --- but I hever heard what that gal Lena done. Something scandalous, you bet your bottom dollar because a bunch gathered and was shaking their heads and raising a ruckus, spreading the gossip about that unfortunate female. All together they was whacking up big and little boulders and then using them small glasses to see if they had hit anything.

By this time I was getting mighty curious. I first figured maybe they was a bunch of inmates out for a picnic . . . but I noticed that all them poor, hungry, dim-lighted people are happy as anything. They don't seem dangerous either. Every little bit, one of them stopped to wipe kids' noses or pet a dog, real kind like. That coffee smelled powerful good too, so keeping an eye peeled, I sloped over close enough to shout, "Howdy, folks. What brings you this way?" These people turn and look at me with big grins showing through the dust on their faces and yell

"WE'RE ROCKHOUNDS!"

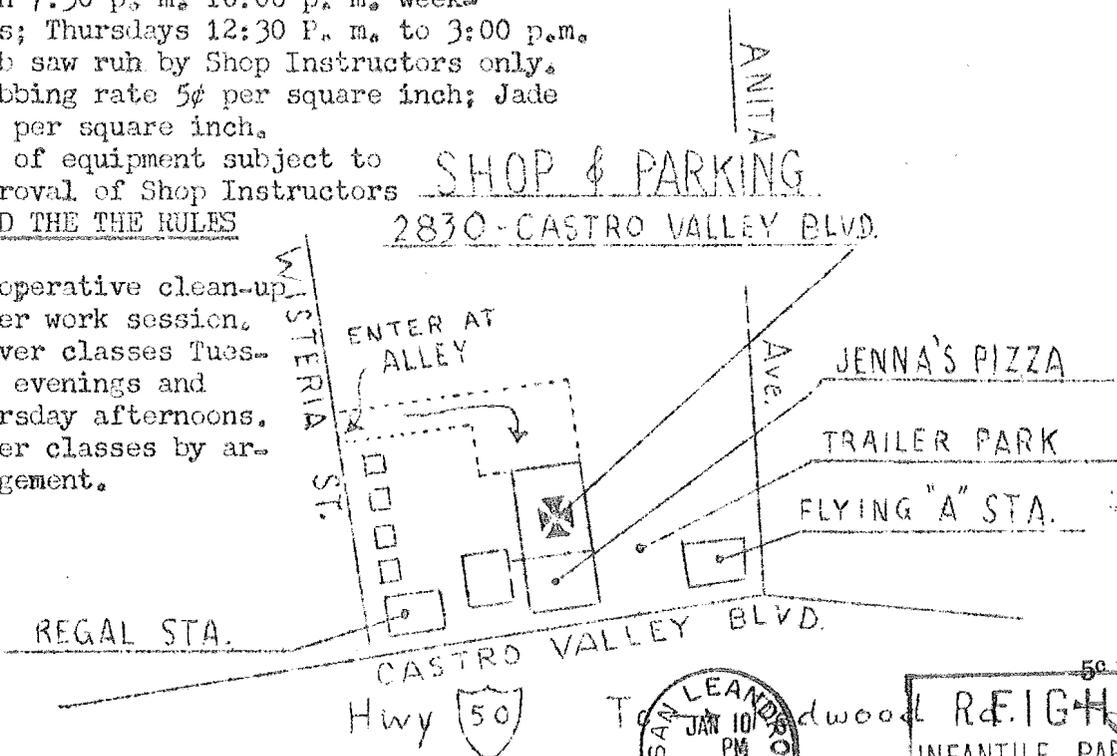
NEW SHOP RULES

1. (a) Open to all members over 12 years of age.  
(b) Under 12 years must be accompanied by responsible adult.
  2. Shop Fee 65¢ per evening.  
Prepaid Fee ticket \$5.00; a value of \$6.50.
  3. Open 7:30 p. m. 10:00 p. m. weekdays; Thursdays 12:30 P. m. to 3:00 p.m.
  4. Slab saw run by Shop Instructors only.  
Slabbing rate 5¢ per square inch; Jade 10¢ per square inch.
  5. Use of equipment subject to approval of Shop Instructors
- HEED THE THE RULES

6. Co-operative clean-up after work session.
7. Silver classes Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons.
8. Other classes by arrangement.

BELOW IS NEW SHOP SITE

Enter through alleyway off Wisteria Street and turn right at rear of parking lot. Shop is yellow-tiled building directly behind Jenna's Pizza Parlor..... Lots of parking.



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